



# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### SITUATION REPORT

#### Mississippi River Flooding

### UPDATE

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Heavy Rains and flood waters from the North Central States continue to cause some flooding problems along the Mississippi River and it's smaller tributaries in Northeast Missouri. In all counties adjacent to the Mississippi River, there is lowland flooding and some roads have been inundated by the high water. River levels from the Iowa-Missouri border to St. Louis are dropping with the Mississippi River cresting in St. Louis today.

Storms that occurred over the weekend of May 19-20 produced scattered heavy rains, some of the storms produced some reported tornado sightings, no report of damage. The current river level predictions do not show any affect on the high levels of the Mississippi River.

**Governor Request:** On Friday May 18, 2001 Governor Bob Holden requested U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Venneman declare 12 Northeastern Missouri counties eligible for federal disaster assistance because of the agricultural damage incurred as a result of the most recent flooding. The twelve counties included in Governor Holden's request are Clark, Lewis, Scotland, Knox, Schuyler, Marion, Monroe, Shelby, Ralls, Pike, Lincoln and St. Charles.

**Lincoln County:** An agricultural levee in the Old Monroe area failed on Friday flooding approximately 1000 acres of farmland. Follow up reports show no homes were impacted by the levee failure. Though the Cuivre River experienced a rise over the weekend the water is receding.

**Ste. Genevieve County:** The gates to the main levee have been closed since the gage at Chester, IL reached 24 feet. The large north gates will close when the gage reaches 34 feet. The river is expected to crest on Wednesday 05-22-01 at 32 feet. The Modoc ferry has ceased operations due to the high level of the river.

**Perry County:** County Road 340 is impassable due to high water. Water is also covering State Route E but the road is not closed at this time.

**Cape Girardeau County:** No reported damage at this time.

**SEMA Actions:** Continue to monitor the situation and encourage local officials to report agricultural damage to their local FSA office.

**Forecast:** The Mississippi River is expected to continue cresting along the river, crest is expected to reach St. Louis today. The Missouri river is also cresting at St. Charles today.